# Charts

## Have Simulator,

Anyone drowning in their own tears because they missed out on a trip in Microprose's Apache helicopter simulator which drew the crowds at the 1988 PC Show, might soon get another chance to go on the ride of a lunchtime. Last year, an Irish entrepreneur took delivery of a Super X simulator, bunged it on the back of an articulated lorry and has since been touring England and Ireland, putting in appearances at exhibitions and trade shows to let wide-eyed punters sample the delights of modern simulator technology.

Manufacturer Super X say that they expect to sell quite a few more of their machines in the coming year, so it shouldn't be long before there's a simulator on every street corner! Golly, the mind boggles!

## Super Speccy Shooting

Gremlin Graphic's forthcoming Dark Fusion looks like it'll keep the shoot 'em up fraternity happy for a while.

Joining the Corps of the Guardian warriors, the player flies over a two-way scrolling landscape blasting the merry hell out of gun emplacements and alien attack craft. No shoot 'em up would be complete without power-ups, and Dark Fusion is no exception. Extra goodies include multiple firepower, jump power and shields, just to give you that edge over the alien hordes. Dark fusion is released in the New Year on the Spectrum, Amstrad and C64, and hopefully we'll be reviewing it next ish.

## California Gamin'

Alternative sports sim fans can rejoice and be glad, for Epyx have finally released the Amiga version of one of their finest products, California Games. Six wierd and wonderful west coast sports, namely Half-Pipe Skateboarding, BMX Bike Racing, Roller Skating, Surfing, Frisbee Throwing and Foot Bag Juggling have been very nicely converted into playable computer games which show all the polish of the original C64 version. It's really radical, to use the California Games vernacular, but at $24.99, some of you poorer dudes might find it totally gnarly to get hold of a copy.

**COMMODORE 64 CHART**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | Robocop – Ocean |
| 2 | Afterburner – Activision |
| 3 | Double Dragon – M. House |
| 4 | Operation Wolf – Ocean |
| 5 | Int. Rugby Sim. – Code Masters |
| 6 | Last Ninja 2 – System 3 |
| 7 | Microprose Soccer – Microprose |
| 8 | Giants – US Gold |
| 9 | Pro Ski Sim – Code Masters |
| 10 | Emlyn Hughes Int. S'cer – A'genic |

Robocop knocks the big names into runners-up positions. Last Ninja 2 still hanging in there!

**SPECTRUM CHART**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | Robocop – Ocean |
| 2 | Afterburner – Activision |
| 3 | D. Dragon – Melbourne House |
| 4 | Operation Wolf – Ocean |
| 5 | Thunderblade – US Gold |
| 6 | European Five-a-Side – Silverbird |
| 7 | Giants – US Gold |
| 8 | Ghostbusters – Ricochet |
| 9 | Adv. P'ball Sim. – Code Masters |
| 10 | Bombjack – Encore |

Blimey! Top four positions exactly the same as the C64 chart? What a lark this 8-bit computing is.

**TOP TEN WORST HOLIDAY '89 TV ADS**

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| 1 | H'seasons Hol (B'tain). |
| 2 | Lunn Poly's Get Away Ad. |
| 3 | Don't Book It Thomas Cook It. |
| 4 | Pontins, Butlins, Centre Parcs. |
| 5 | Thomp. Bowler Hatted Gent. |
| 6 | Singapore Girl. |
| 7 | Club 18-30. |
| 8 | Israel. |
| 9 | Ireland. |
| 10 | And Canada. |

# Fax

## HIGH RESOLUTIONS

Now that Christmas present has become Christmas past and all that remains of the C+VG festive spirit are the bottles, it's time to get down to some serious self-analysis and come up with a few new year's resolutions. We've collated each member of the team's thoughts on the subject to be put in print, so that the first person to break any of her or his resolutions can be cast into the Elevator of Oblivion, there to spend a thousand eternities being digested in the bowels of C+VG Towers.

### PAUL

1. To come up with a devastating, off-the-cuff stoutist insult which will have ad manager Garry Williams running for cover.
2. To pass my driving test and buy the spiffiest little motor on the road.
3. To take up body-building (any donations of Meccano kits or LEGO sets gratefully received).
4. To learn to play blues on the harmonica.
5. To get all my copy in on time . . . Hahaha, no but seriously, folks . . .

### LORA

1. To put on a different pair of giant earrings every day.
2. To keep my car as clean as possible without rubbing off the paint.
3. To take loads and loads of piccies with the utterly wicked camera I got for Christmas.
4. To plug Garry's chair into the mains and put a switch on my desk so that I can fry his botty every time he breaks into song.
5. To keep myself fit by going on a high fibre diet – there should certainly be a lot of running involved!

### GARRY

1. To sell an ad page to anyone who rings me up.
2. To lose no weight at all.
3. To maintain my image as a charming, intelligent, devilishly witty man-about-town who is just irresistable to beautiful young ladies.
4. To sit on anyone who tries to insinuate that I'm fat by referring to me as chubby, over-sized, well-upholstered, portly or "C+VG's very own Mr Creosote".
5. To bring Arsenal good luck by attending every match in my official capacity as Honorary Team Mascot.

### EUGENE

1. To stop watching Bulls Eye. Its rubbish. I don't know why I started.
2. To give up Nine McNuggetss with large fries and bar-b-q sauce.
3. To drink less Tennants Extra and more Tennants L.A.
4. To stop blaming the ref, pitch, weather, team injuries, or anything else every time Bristol City lose.
5. To make C+VG even better than it already is.

### JO

1. To sell at least twenty ads a day, thus keeping a smile on Garry's wobbling lips.
2. To buy a set of chest expanders and build up those pectorals.
3. To crack a lot more of those crappy Christmas cracker jokes which keep the editorial department in stitches.
4. To drive the Ed wild by calling him "Eugey-baby" at every opportunity.
5. To have my hair done like Julian's.

### JULIAN

1. To stop being cruel to dumb animals, like Fatty Williams.
2. To learn Japanese.
3. To stop being crude. Well, not ALL the time.
4. To stop letting my Lion loose on the tube during the Rush Hour.
5. To chop my ponytail off and have a side parting. And if you believe that you'll believe anything . . .

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AMIGA TOP TEN

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| 1 | Elite – Firebird. |
| 2 | D. Dragon – Melbourne House. |
| 3 | Pacmania – Grand Slam. |
| 4 | Lombard RAC Rally – Mandarin. |
| 5 | Out Run – Sega/US Gold. |
| 6 | Return of the Jedi – Domark. |
| 7 | Thunderblade – US Gold. |
| 8 | Rocket Ranger – Mirrorsoft. |
| 9 | Interceptor – Electronic Arts. |
| 10 | Starglider II – Rainbird. |

Firebird's Elite takes pole position – beating off strong challenges from a number of hot coin-op conversions.

ALL FORMATS COMBINED TOP TEN

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|---|---|
| 1 | Operation Wolf – Ocean. |
| 2 | Robocop – Ocean. |
| 3 | D. Dragon – Melbourne House. |
| 4 | Thunderblade – US Gold. |
| 5 | Giants – US Gold. |
| 6 | Batman – Ocean. |
| 7 | R-Type – Electric Dreams. |
| 8 | F'tball M'ger II – A'tive Games. |
| 9 | Falcon – Mirrorsoft. |
| 10 | Last Ninja II – System 3. |

This is it. The official Xmas '88 number one. Ocean steal the number one and two slots, Melbourne surprise a few people by beating Thunderblade into the number four slot with cult beat 'em up – Double Dragon.

ATARI ST TOP TEN

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|---|---|
| 1 | Falcon – Mirrorsoft. |
| 2 | Operation Wolf – Ocean. |
| 3 | Afterburner – Activision. |
| 4 | D. Dragon – Melbourne House. |
| 5 | R-Type – Electric Dreams. |
| 6 | Elite – Firebird. |
| 7 | Hostages – Infogrames. |
| 8 | Thunderblade – US Gold. |
| 9 | Lombard RAC Rally – Mandarin. |
| 10 | ST Game Creator – Mandarin. |

The superb F17 flight simulator from Spectrum Holobyte/Mirrorsoft takes a deserved number one slot in the ST charts – again beating off strong challenges from coin-op conversions.